

**Clean Copy of Claims**

The following is a clean copy of amended claims 1, 3, 6, 11 and 16.

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1. A system for pre-processing orders before they are transmitted to an order processing system, comprising:

- an order interceptor receiving and pre-processing electronic sales order data prior to transmitting to the order processing system;
- an interface system receiving the electronic sales order data from the order interceptor and performing an availability check, wherein the availability check determines the portions of the electronic sales order data that can be satisfied; and
- means for transmitting at least a portion of the electronic sales order data to the order processing system for order processing.

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3. (Twice amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the order interceptor comprises:

- means for translating the electronic sales order data to an internal format of the order interceptor;
- means for determining if an availability check is required;
- means for transmitting at least a portion of the electronic sales order data;
- means for determining if there are any processing problems associated with the electronic sales order data; and
- means for processing the electronic sales order data in accordance with business rules.

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6. (Twice amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the workbench comprises:

- a) means for displaying electronic sales order data that contains errors or is incomplete;
- b) means for displaying error messages associated with the electronic sales order data of step a); and
- c) means for correcting, editing, and updating the at least one database containing electronic sales order data.

11. (Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the reject acknowledgment system comprises:

means for updating the at least one database to indicate the portions of the electronic order data that have been rejected.

16. (Amended) A computer implemented method of processing electronic sales order data before it is transmitted to an order processing system, comprising the steps of:

receiving electronic sales order data for pre-processing the electronic sales order data prior to being transmitted to the order processing system;

translating the electronic sales order data to an internal format;

transmitting the electronic sales order data to an interface system, wherein the interface system performs an availability check to determine what portion of the electronic sales order data that can be satisfied; and

if the availability check indication is to transmit, transmitting the designated portions of the internal format data to the order processing system.